



**WORLD COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT**

**THIRD MEETING**  
**Oslo, 24-28 June 1985**

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**ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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### 1. Opening Statement

The Commission's Third Meeting will begin with a public session, by invitation, commencing at 9 a.m. on Monday, 24 June, in the Auditorium of the Info-Rama Conference Centre adjacent to the Sheraton Hotel. Statements will be made by:

- H.E. Mr. Kare Willoch,  
Prime Minister of Norway,
- H.E. Mrs. Raken Surlien,  
Norwegian Minister of Environment,
- Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland,  
Chairman.

### 2. Public Hearings

Following the precedent established in Jakarta, the Commission will be holding public hearings in Oslo to emphasize the integral part such hearings play in the conduct of the Commission's work, they have been scheduled to occur after the official opening of the Commission's meeting and before it moves into in-camera sessions.

The public hearings will take place on two days, Monday, June 24 (following the opening session) and Tuesday, June 25, (all day) and will include submissions, on each of those days, from non-governmental organisations, inter-governmental organisations and agencies, senior representatives of the Nordic Council, Nordic experts and representatives of cooperating institutions. Invitations to the public hearings have been sent to the following representatives of inter-governmental organisations :

- Mr. F. Blanchard, ILO,
- Mr. A. Dunkel, GATT,
- Mr. N.V. Faddeyev, CMEA,
- Dr. H. Mahler, WHO,
- Mr. A. McIntyre, UNCTAD,
- Mr. K. Sahlgren, ECE
- Mr. E. Saouma, FAO,
- Mr. S. Clinton-Davis, EEC.

Mr. K. Sahlgren of the ECE and Mr. S. Clinton-Davis, Commissioner for Environment of the EEC will both be addressing the Commission in Oslo and submitting papers for its consideration. The representatives of ILO, GATT, CMEA, WHO and FAO have advised the Secretariat that they

will not be able to attend. Certain of these, i.e., ILO, GATT and CMEA, have advised that they will submit papers for consideration by the Commission. To date, we have not had a response from UNCTAD.

Notification of the public hearings has been sent to several hundred environment and development NGOs in Europe and it is expected that many of these will seek to make presentations.

Exact details and a list of attendees for the public hearings will be available on your arrival in Oslo.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The Commission will consider and adopt an Agenda and Timetable for its discussion. A Provisional Agenda and proposed Timetable for the discussions were circulated by the Secretary General in advance of the meeting. (WCED/85/13).

4. Progress Report of the Secretary General

The Secretary General will submit an overall report on progress since the Jakarta Meeting and on the proposed directions of future work. Included among other things in this report will be the text of a proposed revision of the "Mandate Document" for consideration by the Commission and issuance following the Oslo meeting and a short paper setting out a proposed communication and information strategy for the advocacy period between the spring and fall of 1987.

5. Key Issues - Second Discussion

Further to the discussions which the Commission had in Jakarta on the issues of "Population, Environment and Sustainable Development" and "Science, Technology, Environment and Sustainable Development", a second discussion on each of these is planned for Oslo. There will be one paper submitted to the Commission on population and three papers on science and technology. In order to stimulate discussion on these issues and to facilitate the inclusion of alternative view points, various individuals have been invited to sit in on the Commission meeting and participate in the discussions on them. In the case of population, Dr. Rolando Garcia, Senior Research Fellow of the Centre for Research and Advanced Studies of the National Polytechnic Institute, Mexico, Lester Brown, President of Worldwatch and an expert from the People's Republic of China have been invited. In the case of science and technology, Dr. Surendra Patel, former Director of the Division of Technology, UNCTAD, and currently a professor at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, has been invited.

6. Key Issues - First Discussion

The Agenda invites the Commission to have a first discussion on three of the KEY ISSUES in some depth, and these are "Energy, Environment and Development", "Industry and Sustainable Development" and "Food Security, Agriculture, Forestry and Environment". On energy, there will be a policy options paper on acid rain, prepared by the Secretariat, together with a background issue paper on acid rain prepared by Dr. Ian Torrens. On industry, there will be a policy options paper on hazardous waste prepared by Dr. Harvey Yakowitz; and on food security, there will be a paper setting out the recommendations of the Food Security Advisory Panel on the African Crisis. In addition, Ian Torrens has been invited to participate in the Commission's discussions on acid rain and Harvey Yakowitz during the discussions on hazardous waste. Dr. Swaminathan, the Chairman of the Food Security Advisory Panel will be participating in the discussions on that panel's recommendations on the African Crisis.

7. Proposed Work Programme

In addition to its discussions on the Key Issues referred to above, the Commission will also be considering the Secretariat's proposed work programme on "International Economic Relations and the Environment".

8. Preliminary Outline and Format of Final Report

At its Inaugural Meeting, the Commission stressed the importance of early consideration of the content and format of its final report. To commence this process, a paper setting out the preliminary outline and format of the final report will be put before you for your consideration and discussion.

9. Budgetary and Financial Matters

At the Oslo Meeting the Commission will receive for discussion a current status report on the budget adopted at its Inaugural Meeting and an update on available resources and fund raising results.

10. Other Business

Under this item, members can raise other matters deserving the attention of the Commission which have not been dealt with under previous agenda items.



11. Future Meetings

Soundings have continued concerning the location and dates of future meetings and the proposed schedule of the dates and locations of future meetings will be on the agenda for discussion at the Oslo meeting.